

# GOOD NEIGHBORLY NEWS

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## Neighborhood Watch Block Captains:

Please distribute this newsletter to your block participants.

Don't forget to sign up for **e-mailed crime alerts**. To register, e-mail me at [jsasw@ci.carlsbad.ca.us](mailto:jsasw@ci.carlsbad.ca.us) and get details.

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**Emergency**  
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**Non-emergency**  
(760) 931-2197

**Crime Statistic Hotline**  
(760) 931-2201  
**Other Crime Statistics**  
(760) 931-2279

**Police Watch  
Commander**  
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**Traffic Unit**  
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**Narcotics Unit**  
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**Records Division**  
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**Detective Division**  
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**Senior Volunteer Patrol**  
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**The Crime Prevention Unit's Mission** is the anticipation, recognition and appraisal of crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it. **Let's do it together!**

## Help Your Children "Type Smart and Post Wisely"



Be aware that the information you give out in

**blogs** (a personal online journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption) **social networking sites**, or **chat rooms** could also put you at risk of online victimization. People looking to harm you could use the information you post to gain your trust. They can also deceive you by pretending they know you. So just remember, **never meet in person with anyone you have first met online.**

Anyone who has access to a computer can look at what you put online. Be smart. If you don't use privacy settings, anyone has access to your blog or profile, not just people you know.



### Don't:

1. Post your cell phone number, address, or the name of your school
2. Post your friends' names, ages, phone numbers, school names, or addresses
3. Add people as friends to your site unless you know them in person
4. Communicate with people you don't know
5. Give out your password to anyone other than your parent or guardian
6. Meet in person with anyone you first "met" on a social networking site

7. Respond to harassing or rude comments posted on your profile
8. Make or post plans and activities on your site
9. Post photos with school names, locations, license plates, or signs
10. Post photos with the name of your sports team
11. Post sexually provocative photos
12. Respond to threatening or negative emails or IMs

### Do:

1. Check the privacy settings of the social networking sites that you use
2. Set privacy settings so that people can only be added as your friend if you approve them
3. Set privacy settings so that people can only view your profile if you have approved them as a friend
4. Remember that posting information about your friends could put them at risk
5. Go through your blog and profile and remove information that could put you at risk
6. Delete any unwanted messages or friends who continuously leave inappropriate comments
7. Report comments to the networking site if they violate that site's terms of service
8. Save or print questionable activity and include date and time
9. Tell your parents or guardian if anything happens online that makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused





## IRS Warns of Tax "Phishing" Scam.

Who would not welcome an e-mail about a refund from the Internal Revenue Service? How about you and other taxpayers interested in protecting their identities against theft?

Most of these e-mails ask you to click through a provided link to verify your identity. If you take the bait you land on a site resembling the IRS's. Once there, you are asked for personal and financial information.

The IRS **does not** initiate contact with taxpayers by e-mail. Nor would they ask for your financial information. Why would they? The IRS already has your Social Security number and knows your financial life story.

When the IRS needs to contact you, it does so in writing and sometimes by phone. But if there is any doubt about the legitimacy of any contact, you should call their customer service line at 1-800-829-1040.

Please forward any "phishing" e-mails to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov)

Type Smart & Post Wisely cont.

### Be Cautious Of:

1. Anyone you don't know who asks you for personal information, photos or videos
2. Unsolicited obscene material from people or companies you don't know
3. Misleading URLs on the Internet that point you to sites containing harmful materials rather than what you were looking for
4. Anyone who wants to send you photos or videos containing obscene content of youth 18 and younger (The possession, manufacturing, or distribution of child pornography is illegal.)
5. Anyone you don't know who asks you to meet them somewhere offline (If the person is an adult this is illegal and they can be charged with a criminal offense called Online Enticement.)
6. Threats to your life or safety
7. Threats to others

### When to Tell?

1. Trust your intuition: Always go with your gut feeling, and if something doesn't feel right to you or a friend, report it (931-2917). You can help stop the online victimization of youth.

For more information on Child Internet Safety and other topics, go to [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).



### Violent Crime Prevention

The news is full of stories about people who have been the victim of a violent crime and everyone cringes when they hear these reports. Who hasn't feared becoming one of these victims? The truth is that nationally the incidence of personal violence

has dropped to its lowest level in almost three decades.

Everyone - and this applies to residents of big cities, small towns, and even rural areas - needs to be careful, but these lower rates of crime are evidence that if people are vigilant and take common-sense precautions, crime can be prevented.

### Tips

1. Don't walk or jog alone early in the morning or late at night when the streets are deserted.
2. When out at night, have a friend walk with you.
3. Carry only the money you'll need on a particular day.
4. Don't display your cash or any other inviting targets such as pagers, cell phones, hand-held electronic games, or expensive jewelry and clothing.
5. If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. If the person continues to follow you, move quickly toward an open store or restaurant or a lighted house. Don't be afraid to yell for help.
6. Park in well-lighted areas with good visibility and close to walkways, stores, and people.
7. Make sure you have your key out as you approach your door.
8. Always lock your car, even if it's in your own driveway; never leave your motor running when the car is empty.
9. Do everything you can to keep a stranger from getting into your car or to keep a stranger from forcing you into his or her car.
10. If someone tries to rob you, give up your property—don't give up your life. If you are robbed or assaulted, report the crime to the police (931-2197). Your actions can help prevent someone else from becoming a victim.

